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MINISTER JACKSON'S CASE.

One of the President's appointments

which, it is said, will be opposed by

Republican Senators in case the

factious programme considered last

spring is carried out, will be that of

General Jackson, the Minister to

Mexico. It is held in his case, as it

was in that of General Lawton, that

having been debarred from holding of

fice by the Constitution, he can only

become eligible by act of Congress,

removing his disabilities, as provided for

in the constitutional amendment re-

ferred to.

The Attorney General rendered an

opinion in the case of General Jackson

that a previous pardon by President

Johnson was sufficient.

It is doubtful, however, if a majority

of the Senate can be induced to antag-

onize the Administration on a technical

point of this character, in face of a

decision by the chief law officer of the

Government and for the mere sake of

rejecting a nomination which, as far as

character and qualifications are con-

cerned, is admitted to be one of the

most meritorious appointments which

Mr. Cleveland has made.

In this instance there was no viola-

tion of the principles of civil-service

reform, and no question of offensive

partisanship was raised. The more

magnanimous course for the Senate

would be to join with the House

in passing a bill immediately upon the

meeting of Congress for the removal

of the disabilities of both General Jack-

son and General Lawton, and thus set-

tling all controversy upon the subject

at rest.

THEY WANT THE EARTH.

It is held by some people that the

President regards it as his mission to

place the civil-service upon a basis in

which the spoils system shall have no

part. It is certainly doing all that he

can to that end, and his efforts are re-

ceiving a support that is creditable to

the party which was victorious at the

last Presidential election. Mr. Cleve-

land's letter to Mr. Eaton very forcibly

and clearly shows, if any such thing

were needed, that he wants a clean and

honest administration of governmental

affairs in every detail. The most zeal-

ous civil-service reformer can surely

find no fault with that document.

But doesn't it look as if our Re-

publican friends were beginning to

presume a little too much, especially

since that letter was made public?

By force of habit they have reached

the belief that the offices were their

personal property. They, of course,

expected that there would be pretty

general change after Mr. Cleveland was

inaugurated, and when such was not

the case, at least to a sweeping extent,

they were most agreeably disappointed;

and have ever since been getting bold

and bolder until now they even at-

tempt to dictate how the Federal pa-

tronnage shall be dispensed.

They have gone so far that they not

only claim that no Republican shall be

removed, but even demand the elec-

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